

of four years;

(iv) The floating member shall be the head of the using authority, as defined by section 231G of this article of the Code, or his designee, which is presenting the proposal to the board for procuring architectural or engineering services and who serves for the purposes set forth in section 231-P.

231P.

(a) (1) Any using authority other than the Department of Transportation, [or] any modal administration thereof, OR THE MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY desiring to procure architectural or engineering services where the compensation for the services is in excess of \$25,000 shall present the request to the general professional services selection board at a meeting open to the public.

(2) The Department of Transportation, [or] any modal administration thereof, OR THE MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY as set forth in § 231N, desiring to procure architectural or engineering services where the compensation for the services is in excess of \$25,000 shall present the request to the transportation professional services selection board at a meeting open to the public.

(b) A reasonable and timely public notice shall be given of the projects being presented to the boards.

(c) Before either board approves any request of a using authority [or], THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, ANY modal administration THEREOF, OR THE MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY to procure architectural or engineering services, the board shall be satisfied that the services cannot feasibly or economically be provided by existing in-house resources.

(d) (1) Each board shall require public announcement, in a uniform and consistent manner, in each instance that it approves any [using authority's or modal administration's] request OF A USING AUTHORITY, THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, ANY MODAL ADMINISTRATION THEREOF, OR THE MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY to procure architectural or engineering services in excess of \$25,000.

(2) The announcement shall include a general description of the architectural and engineering services to be procured and shall indicate how interested firms may receive information about the procurement. In addition, announcements shall be mailed on each occasion